If and when (owing to increased offtake of foodgrains), the storage capacity of certain godowns is not fully utilised, the payment of rent is required to be made, as per the Agreement with the private owners concerned. When the godowns are no longer required, the same are de-hired, as per the Agreement concluded in this behalf.

Court cases against defaulter companies

†*78. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5071 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 2003 and state:

(a) the authority by which the instruction for monitoring the speedy disposal of the cases of regional offices of EPF organisation were issued and on which date;

(b) the number of cases disposed off from the date of issuing the order till date and the amount of money recovered as a penalty from the defaulter companies during the last three years, year-wise: and

(c) by when all the cases would be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) Instructions have been issued from time to time by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation. Comprehensive instructions were issued *vide* letter number LC/4(5)99/Misc./PR/82447 dated 28.02.2001. Subsequently, in pursuance of the directions conveyed by Secretary, Labour in the meeting held on 02.05.2002 in regard to close overview of court cases, further instructions were issued by the organization *vide* letter No. LC/4(16)02/Court Cases/12143-68 dated 20.05.2002.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The disposal of Court Cases from 1.4.2001 to 30.6.2003 is as under-

Prosecution cases under 14	Cases before the EPF section Appellate Tribunal	Writ Petitions
45161	140	2398

Further, the amount recovered as penalty from the defaulters during the last 3 years is given beiow:

(Rs. in crores)

2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
58.19	44.02	50.76

(c) A number of fresh cases are filed every year by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation before the criminal courts and by the employers before various courts and as such the position of pendency of cases is always changing and it is a continuous process. No definite date for disposal of all cases is possible.

Supply of arms to Pakistan by USA

*79. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. has resumed its supply of major arms to Pakistan following General Musharraf's recent summit meeting with President George Bush at Camp David in June, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the President of U.S.A. and if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) President George W. Bush and President Musharraf met at Camp David on 24 June 2003. Following this meeting, President Bush announced that he will work with the United States Congress on a $3 billion assistance package for Pakistan.